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E-MAIL ALPERSRU P197

Subj: NEW HOUSING AND COLA ENTITLEMENTS FOR E-5'S AND MEMBERS-MARRIED-TO-MEMBERS ASSIGNED AFLOAT

Ref: (a) ALDIST 271/96  
(b) 37 U.S.C. 403 (NOTAL)  
(c) U. S. Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series)  
(d) Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR)

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Purpose This ALPERSRU provides notification that single E-5 members assigned afloat and afloat member married to member couples, below pay grade E-6, with no other dependents, are now entitled to additional housing and COLA entitlements.

The contents of this E-Mail ALPERSRU should be disseminated to all persons involved in the PMIS/JUMPS process.

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BAQ W/O for E-5s afloat Effective 1 July, reference (a) announced that E-5<sup>1</sup>s without dependents, assigned to career sea pay eligible vessels, may elect to receive BAQ and VHA at the without dependents rate provided no Government quarters (UPH or ULPH) are available at the vessel's homeport location.

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BAQ W/O for Afloat Member Married to Afloat Member Effective 1 July 1997, the following table illustrates the categories for Member Married to Member situations and the rule that applies.

PAY MBR A	GRADES MBR B	QUARTERS AVAILABLE	MEMBER(S) ENTITLED TO BAQ W/O
E-7	E-7	yes	A and B
E-7	E-7	no	A and B
E-7	E-6	yes	A and B
E-7	E-6	no	A and B
E-6	E-6	yes	A and B
E-6	E-6	no	A and B
E-6	E-5	yes	A only
E-6	E-5	no	A and B
E-6	E-4	yes	A only
E-6	E-4	no	A only
E-5	E-5	yes	A or B only
E-5	E-5	no	A and B
E-5	E-4	yes	A only
E-5	E-4	no	A only
E-4	E-4	yes	A or B only
E-4	E-4	no	A or B only
E-4	E-3	yes	A only

E-4	E-3	no	A only
E-3	E-3	yes	A or B only
E-3	E-3	no	A or B only
E-3	E-2	yes	A only
E-3	E-2	no	A only

- o Members described above who become entitled to BAQ without dependents are also entitled to COLA without dependents and dislocation allowance (DLA) as applicable.

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Members Paying Court Ordered Child Support      Members who are currently receiving BAQ (Type P, Child) or BAQ with dependents (Type S, Grandfather) based on court-ordered child support are not eligible to receive BAQ and VHA without dependents unless the member agrees to forfeit their BAQ (Child)/(Grandfather) entitlement. This is because reference (b) provides that a member can only be paid BAQ and VHA without dependents if:

- o There are no adequate quarters available to the member; or
- o The member does not claim a dependent for BAQ purposes.

A member who forfeits their BAQ (Grandfather) entitlement to receive BAQ without dependents may later reclaim their child for BAQ purposes. This election would mean that the member loses their entitlement to BAQ and VHA without dependents and regains entitlement to BAQ with dependents.

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PERSRU Action      Entitlement starts/changes to BAQ, DLA and COLA without dependents may be accomplished by completing an SDA II transaction from one of the following menus:

- o Pay Adjustments Menu
- o Transfer Personnel Menu
- o Dependency/Housing/Beneficiaries Menu

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Directives Affected      The next changes to references (c) and (d) will reflect these changes in entitlement to BAQ, VHA, and COLA.

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Questions      Questions may be directed to the HRSIC Customer Service Team at 913-357-3540.

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